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Election of eight members to the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

Note by the Secretary-General

Addendum

1. The Secretary-General has received a nomination from the Government of Spain for election to the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.[1] The candidate is: Maria Noguerol **Álvarez**.

2. Biographical information on Ms. Alvarez is set out in the annex below.

[1] For information on other candidates nominated by Governments, see E/2001/L.2/Add.14-17.

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Annex

María Noguerol Álvarez (Spain)

Education

University degree in Anthropology and History from Complutense University, Madrid

Masters, International Development Cooperation, Complutense University, Madrid
Cultural Anthropology, Superior Council for Scientific Research, Madrid
Evaluation de politiques publiques, École Nationale d'Administration, Paris

Professional experience

1992-2001 Civil servant in the Spanish Agency for International Cooperation Foreign Office

Indigenous Development Programme, Head of Unit

Financial Management, Head of Unit

General Management for Iberoamerican Cooperation, Head of Unit

Technical Adviser for Multilateral Cooperation, General Secretariat

Member of the delegation of Spain to the following:

General Assembly, twenty-fifth special session (Habitat II + 5), June 2001

Economic and Social Council

Commission for Social Development, February 2001

Commission on Population and Development, April 2001

Commission on Sustainable Development, May 2001

Commission on Human Rights, 1997-2001

Ad Hoc Working Group for the Establishment of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (Chile, 1997; Geneva, 1999 and 2000)

Working Group on the Draft Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

Working Group on Indigenous Populations

European Union

PVD-ALA Committee, 1997 and 1998

Expert Meeting on Indigenous Issues, Brussels, March 1998

Social Advisers Preparatory Meeting for the Council Resolution on Indigenous Peoples, April 1998

UNCTAD

Expert Meeting on Systems and National Experiences for Protecting Traditional Knowledge, Innovations and Practices, Geneva, November 2000

WIPO

Expert Round-Table on Indigenous Peoples and Intellectual Property Rights, Geneva, 1998 and 1999

Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore, Geneva, 30 April-3 May 2001

Convention on Biological Diversity

Workshop on Traditional Knowledge, Madrid, 1997

Fourth Conference of the Parties, Bratislava, 1998

Ad Hoc Working Group on Traditional Knowledge, Seville, Spain, 2000

Fifth Conference of the Parties, Nairobi, 2000

United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification

Conference of the Parties, Geneva, October 2001

UNESCO, UNICEF and World Bank, World Education Forum, Dakar, May 2000

Indigenous Foundation for the Iberoamerican Summits

1995-2000 Government representative
Member of the Board of the Foundation

Research

Numerous research and teaching activities in scientific institutions and universities (1984-2001): American Museum of Madrid; Casa de América, Madrid; Université de Toulouse; Nordic Council of Ministers, Denmark; National Commission on Human Rights, Mexico; Complutense University of Madrid; Universidad Autónoma de Madrid; Universidad Carlos III de Madrid; El Escorial; Menéndez Pelayo International University.

Publications

"Indigenous populations, intellectual property rights and development cooperation" prepared for the International Working Group on Indigenous Affairs, Copenhagen, 1996

"Biological Diversity, cultural diversity", 1997

"Shaman of the rainbow", *Anales*, American Museum, Madrid, 1999

"Spanish Cooperation with Indigenous populations", *Guía para Pueblos Indígenas*, Comisión Nacional de Derechos Humanos, Mexico, 1997

"Spanish cooperation strategy with indigenous populations", *Síntesis*

"Cooperation with indigenous communities", Carlos III University, 1995

"Indigenous cinema", *Cuadernos Hispanoamericanos*, Nos. 561 and 562, 1998

Indigenous Myths Collection (Ediciones de Cultura Hispánica, Madrid)

Myths from the Andes, 2001

Television and radio

1997-2001: Telemadrid, TV 2, Televisión Educativa Iberoamericana

1995-2001: Radio Nacional de España, Radio 3 FM

Boards

Jury of the Bartolomé de las Casas Prize of Crown Prince Felipe

Spanish national focal point for the Convention on Biological Diversity: expert in traditional knowledge

Americanists for Development Foundation, Vice-Chairman

Languages

Spanish, English, French